

**“Investigations into
Why They Were Given Special Thanks”
A comedy sketch idea (Investigative TV Show Parody)
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In this idea for a comedy sketch, there exists a weekly TV show all about special investigations into why certain individuals received “Special Thanks” in the credits of certain movies.

HOST

“Good evening, and welcome to another edition of ‘Investigations Into Why They Were Given Special Thanks’. In this week’s opening segment, we’re investigating why a certain ‘Herb Shapiro’ received ‘Special Thanks’ in the screen credits of the film classic, ‘Casablanca’.

“To learn the answer, we team of investigators first had to find out just who the heck this Herb Shapiro actually is – I mean, WAS (yes, Herb Shapiro is.... dead).

Many were interviewed In our quest to solve this mystery,. Would you believe there are literally dozens, perhaps even hundreds of people with this last name; “Shapiro”, and yet they have NO relationship whatsoever with this particular ‘Herb Shapiro’? Well, there are, lots. And you’ll see some of those interviews here tonight.

“And FINALLY, we were able to find out the answer: Herb Shapiro’s daughters made doughnuts for the cast and crew of “Casablanca”. So the ‘Casablanca’ screen credits give, they give special, special thanks to (I’m sorry, I get very emotional), special thanks to H-H-Herb. B-B-Beautiful! I don’t mind saying, we all cried when they told us about this. And of course, finding this out was very important to our investigation.

“But this was not yet the end of our story. Because - you MUST remember THIS: These were truly GREAT doughnuts! These guys weren’t just giving ‘special thanks’ to Herb Shapiro for nothing!”

ANNOUNCER:

“When we come back, you’ll see photographs - photographs of people eating the doughnuts made by Herb Shapiro’s daughters.

“And later, never-before-seen photographs of Humphrey Bogart, eating doughnuts – is that chocolate icing we see? It’s not easy to tell from a black&white photograph, but our experts have the answer! And you will be SHOCKED!”

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